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Which is Agnostic to Internal  
Node Configuration

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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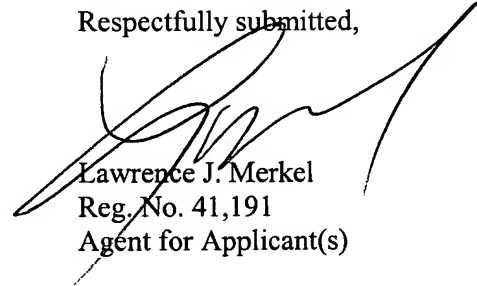
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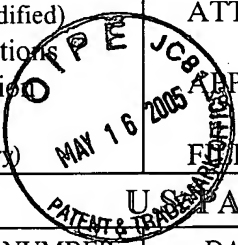
Respectfully submitted,

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 <b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
EXAM. INITIALS	REF. DES.	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	B1	6,711,411	3/23/04	Ruffini			
	B2	6,134,234	10/17/00	Kapanen			
	B3	5,398,317	3/14/95	Nugent			
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**OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

	B8	Jerry Banks, ed.; Handbook of Simulation; 1998; John Wiley & Sons, Inc.; pages 3-51
	B9	Robert W. Sebesta, Concepts of Programming Language, 1999 Addison Wesley Longman, Inc., Fourth Edition, pages 105-131

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